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ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
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Dear Reviewer:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the proposed Sumas Energy 2 Generation Facility (S2GF). In February 2000, the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed S2GF project. In June 2001, the proponent, Sumas Energy 2, Inc. (SE2) submitted a Second Revised Application to EFSEC. EFSEC determined that the proposed changes to the S2GF project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment and were not evaluated in the FEIS. Therefore, a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) was required under WAC 197-11-600(3)(b) and was prepared.

SE2 has requested a Site Certification Agreement to construct and operate this 660-megawatt combined-cycle combustion turbine facility in the City of Sumas, Whatcom County, Washington.

EFSEC has issued this DSEIS under contract with Jones & Stokes. The analysis was undertaken to meet the requirements of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and EFSEC rules.

This SEIS evaluates impacts for the following areas based on the proposed changes to the project and suggested mitigation that were not evaluated in the Final EIS:

- Greenhouse Gases– changes in proposed carbon dioxide mitigation;
- Noise (Low-Frequency) – possible mitigation;
- Groundwater Quality – proposed mitigation;
- Groundwater Quantity – proposed mitigation;
- Wetlands – proposed mitigation;
- Flooding Potential – potential impacts and possible mitigation; and
- Faulting and Seismicity – seismic risks based on new information.

To ensure a complete analysis, we are asking you to review this DSEIS and provide comments. Comments should be as specific as possible and must address one or more of ***the seven areas of discussion above*** with respect to the adequacy of the information presented in the DSEIS or the merits of mitigation alternatives discussed, or both. Commenters are encouraged to supply relevant additional information, respond to the methodologies and processes identified in the DSEIS, and/or respond to the mitigation measures identified.

EFSEC has scheduled a public meeting to receive comments on the DSEIS. The public meeting will be held at the following time and location:

October 16, 2001, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Nooksack Valley High School, Performing Arts Center
3326 East Badger Rd
Everson, Washington, 98247

EFSEC anticipates a large number of participants at this meeting. Public citizens who wish to comment on the DSEIS are encouraged to bring a written version of their comments for submittal to EFSEC staff at the October 16, 2001 meeting.

The comment period for this document closes at 5 p.m. October 19, 2001. Please send your comments to Irina Makarow, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172. **Comments on this document must be received in the EFSEC office by close of business (5 p.m.) October 19, 2001.** Please remember, for a comment to be considered to have substance, it should

1. address one of the seven areas analyzed in the DSEIS;
2. provide new information pertaining to the area analyzed or the proposed mitigation;
3. provide an opinion regarding proposed mitigation or alternatives as they may apply to one or more of the seven areas analyzed, including the basis or rationale for the opinion;
4. point out a specific flaw in the analysis; or
5. identify a different source of credible research which, if used in the analysis, could result in different effects.

Reviewers should provide EFSEC with their comments during the review period of the DSEIS. This will enable EFSEC to analyze and respond to the comments at one time and to use information acquired in the preparation of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, thus avoiding undue delay in the decision making process.

For further information regarding this proposal, you may also contact Irina Makarow, Energy Facility Site Specialist, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172, (360) 956-2047.

For copies of the DSEIS, please contact Irina Makarow. You may also access it on the Internet at www.efsec.wa.gov.

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